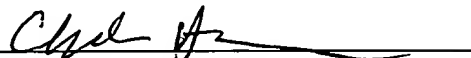


REMARKS

The present amendment is being submitted in order to complete claim 40 which was improperly retyped. Applicants request reconsideration of the application for the reasons set forth in the amendment of March 24, 2003 and December 9, 2002.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

Claim 40 (twice amended) A pharmaceutical, hygienic or cosmetic composition consisting essentially of as active ingredients a combination of 3 to 95% by weight of seawater and 0.0001 to 10% by weight of at least one basic amino acid substituted with a basic substituent ~~member~~ selected from the group consisting of an arginine homoarginine, lysine, diamino pimelic acid, ornithine, circulline, hormarine, methyl-m-tyrosine, cyanoamino acids, phosphonoamino acids, sarcosine, curcurbitine and salts thereof, algae extract, bacterial extracts, extracts of marine, thermal and lake mud and phytoplankton extract with an inert non-toxic carrier or excipient, appropriate for the said application.